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## SEMINAR CALENDAR

### Research Seminar “Labour Economics”

Kerstin Schneider, Universität Wuppertal:

*Early detection of students at risk: Predicting student dropouts using administrative data and machine learning methods*

Monday July 15

16:30-18:00

R. 0029 (VMP 5)

### Forschungsseminar “Quantitative Wirtschaftsforschung“

- no seminar -

### HCHE Research Seminar

- no seminar -

### Hamburg Lectures on Law & Economics

- no seminar -

### Environmental and Development Economics

- no seminar -

### PhD Seminar

- no seminar -

### Research Seminar “Microeconomics”

- no seminar -

## ABSTRACTS

### **Research Seminar “Labour Economics”**

Kerstin Schneider, Universität Wuppertal:

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*Abstract:*

In order to support students who are at risk of dropping out of university, early detection systems are being increasingly developed and used. This also applies to Germany. The systems differ both in the methods used and in the underlying student data. Our benchmark is FragSte, an early detection system for German universities that uses all available administrative student data according to §3 HStatG and applies machine learning methods. In the paper we test, whether less data demanding systems can be developed without significant losses in forecasting quality. It turns out that the data requirements for an early detection system are very high. This is in particular true for the first two semesters, which are of great importance for a successful course of studies. After the second semester, however, an ECTS monitoring might be sufficient.

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